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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 8, 2000, Paper #3, and it is respectfully submitted that this submission complies with the requirements of 37 C. F. R. § 1.111.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the following abstract.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for automatically inspecting matter for varying composition comprises one or more detection stations through which one or more streams of matter are advanced and particular materials therein are detected through their diffusely reflected IR spectra, if any, and/or through their variation of an electromagnetic field by their metallic portions, if any. A row of light sources distributed across the overall width of one or more belt conveyors may cause desired